

SU axes food services

by Peter Michalshyn

With the exception of L'Express in SUB, your Students' Union decided at Council Tuesday night to get out of the food business.

Fridays restaurant in HUB and the RATT food service on seventh floor SUB will both be closed March 31. Next fall, with renovations and a new menu, the RATT kitchen will be re-opened. And the bar portion of Fridays, including the entire seating area, will not be closed.

The Fridays kitchen, however, will not be reopened. Although many Councillors

agreed that the restaurant portion would be viable if there were someone in the SU who knew how to run a restaurant, Council decided 22-2 that they couldn't afford it in the short run.

"I'm warning you don't try it," said SU finance manager Glyden Headley, to several councillors who wanted to give Fridays restaurant one more try.

The HUB food outlet that almost everyone agreed is a hole in its present form, lost more than \$65,000 last year. One suggestion Tuesday night was to renovate it into a crepe-specialty establishment with a more attractive decor.

But Headley maintained that "We don't have the money" for any such renovations, whatever their merit.

"I think it would be a good idea, to keep it short, to close Fridays," said SU food manager Borge Velling.

"Historically we should have never opened that restaurant," Headley said.

Employees in the Fridays and RATT kitchens will be offered nighttime jobs in L'Express; if they don't take that, they'll be laid off, according to SU v.p. finance Pat Haws.

U women are harassed

CALGARY (CUP) — Sexual harassment is part of campus life and women want something done about it, according to preliminary results from a survey by the Status of Women Committee at the University of Calgary.

The survey, compiled by Social Welfare student Walley Kiel, sent to some 800 women undergraduates and returned by 286, was not surprising in its findings, indicating a level of harassment "not any better but not any worse, certainly, than anywhere else," according to Dr. Lorna Cammaert, Chairperson of the Status of Women Committee.

When asked whether or not they had "ever experienced any sexually inappropriate behavior at the University of Calgary", 78 said they had.

The majority of those harassed answered that it had been verbal or non-verbal in nature meaning such things as "joking, vulgar comments, intended to embarrass, humiliate or intimidate, catcall, leers, lewd gestures, or whistles."

About a dozen women reported having experienced unwanted sexual advances, rape or attempted rape.

Fifty-two also reported harassment by authority figures.

But when asked whether the university policies concerning sexually inappropriate behavior should be changed the response was "overwhelmingly positive," according to Cammaert.

At present only York University has published any concrete definition or advice dealing with sexual harassment although Queen's University, the University of Toronto and Guelph have all shown interest in the problem.

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York's proposal, released only last November, calls for the establishment of a sexual harassment complaint centre along with an official definition of harassment and guidelines on conduct for all members.

Surveys similar to the U of C's have been done elsewhere including U.S. universities and some industries in Canada, but none have yet been attempted elsewhere on Canadian campuses.

A survey completed this year

by the University of Toronto Students' Union was not statistically valid, Cammaert said, dependent on students picking up the forms rather than mailing them out on a random basis as was done here.

But even though Cammaert defends her committee's survey as statistically valid, pointing to the unusually high response rate for this type of survey (36%), she warns that it is only "the tip of the iceberg" as far as the problem is concerned.

Profs are not saints

Sexual harassment is more than statistics.

For one student it was the prof that took her along on an out-of-town lecture, asked for help preparing, then asked for a bit more. When she refused, he went so far as to physically block her exit.

"He was actually disgusted with me and began insulting me, calling me childish and immature," the student told us.

"No work was ever accomplished, I seriously doubt he had ever intended to do any," she added.

"I didn't report the incident because I was afraid the department would not believe me, or rather, not want to believe me, to protect itself."

"I was afraid that the facts would be twisted to make me look like the guilty party, instead of the victim."

For another student it was an offer to discuss a term paper that

required she lock the office door so that they "wouldn't be disturbed". When she said she'd better go" the prof replied that "I guess you don't find me as attractive as I find you. Too bad, I could have given you a head-start in the working world."

"I was horrified," the student told us. "I guess I must have looked ill because he dismissed me with a wave of his hand."

She dropped the course.

Yet another student told us that a prof for whom she was working over the summer had been making frequent advances until one day asking her if she had ever made love on a bearskin rug.

She was shocked but he continued, offering to double her wages and asking her to come with him and try it.

She quit the next day.

Why not report it?

"Who'd believe it? I didn't want to cause trouble. He didn't force or hurt me or anything..."




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On behalf of the University Orientation Days Organizing Committee I would like to express my most sincere appreciation for all whose efforts and assistance contributed so much to the successful operation of University Orientation Days 1981. Although the many hundreds involved through faculties, departments, student organizations and services both on and off campus make it impossible to thank everyone personally here, this by no means diminishes our gratitude. In particular, I would like to mention the efforts of our student volunteers, who took time out during Reading Week to help with a variety of tasks.

Preliminary reports indicate nearly 9,000 students, counsellors, parents, teachers, and members of the general public took part in the 1981 edition of Orientation Days, and the vast majority have responded most favorably.

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